

changes, tests, and experiments, and for updating of final safety analysis reports. The purpose of the rulemaking is to clarify requirements and to allow more flexibility for certain changes that a licensee could make without receiving prior NRC approval. The NRC estimates that these rule changes will have only a minor impact upon the existing reporting and recordkeeping requirements in these sections of NRC regulations. There will be a one-time burden for revision of procedures and training.

Submit, by November 20, 1998, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the submittal may be reviewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NE (lower level), Washington DC. The proposed rule indicated in the "title of the information collection" is or has been published in the **Federal Register** within several days of the publication date of this **Federal Register** notice. Instructions for accessing the electronic OMB clearance package for the rulemaking have been appended to the electronic rulemaking. Members of the public may access the electronic OMB clearance package by following the directions for electronic access provided in the preamble to the titled rulemaking.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by November 20, 1998: Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0011 and 3150-0132), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503. Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084. The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo Shelton, 301-414-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of October, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consumer Product Licensing Requirements

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to remind all importers and distributors of consumer products containing radioactive material regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of NRC licensing requirements governing the distribution of these products to unlicensed persons (persons exempt from licensing).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony Kirkwood, Mail Stop TWFN 8-F-5, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Specific licensing requirements exist if you are the initial importer or distributor of a consumer product containing NRC regulated byproduct material, such as, watches illuminated by tritium paint or gas or neutron-irradiated gemstones. You must first obtain a possession and use license satisfying the general requirements of 10 CFR 30.33 or Agreement State equivalent. Therefore, you must apply for and obtain a specific license authorizing possession and use of byproduct material from the NRC regional office or applicable Agreement State, whoever has jurisdiction in your State. Clarifications in the jurisdictional control for your State may be obtained by contacting the NRC contact identified earlier in this notice. The information needed to apply for this license may be obtained from the NRC regional office for your area or from the state government as applicable. In addition, in order to initially distribute or transfer consumer products containing byproduct material to persons exempt from licensing, you must also apply for and obtain an exempt distribution license from NRC satisfying the requirements of 10 CFR 32. The product information to be submitted for a NRC distribution license is outlined in NUREG-1556, Vol. 8, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Exempt Distribution Licenses," dated September 1998, and may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, P. O. Box 37082, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. Copies are also available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal

Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. A copy of the document is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Importers and initial distributors of consumer products containing radioactive material regulated by NRC, such as watches and gemstones, found without the proper licensure, are subject to enforcement action by NRC and state regulatory authorities. NRC enforcement action may include imposition of monetary penalties, referral to a Federal District Court to obtain an injunction and seizure of the radioactive products, or referral to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution. Recently, the NRC took significant enforcement action against two watch importers and distributors for violations of NRC requirements involving the possession, use, and initial distribution of watches containing NRC-licensed material without having NRC licenses authorizing such activities. In one action, the company was issued a \$26,400 civil penalty.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 9th day of October, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Frederick C. Combs,

Acting Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Announcement of Workshops on Draft Guidance on Radiological Criteria for License Termination

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of workshop.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the schedule for a series of workshops on the draft guidance, the website address and structure, and staff plans to hold additional technical meetings and telephone conferences, as needed, to discuss emerging issues and to prepare for the workshops. The date, time, location, and agendas for the workshops and meetings will be announced on the NRC web site.

Background

On July 8, 1998, the Commission approved the publication of the draft guidance for the final rule on Radiological Criteria for License Termination (License Termination Rule,